

LeRoy Kohler = dairyman

Midway's Honored Citizen



LeRoy Albert Kohler, a native of Midway, born October 10, 1927 to Albert F. and Elsie Richards Kohler. His grandparents, Gottlieb and Elizabeth Muller Kohler, were among the original Swiss immigrants to Midway. Nine of their thirteen children were born in Switzerland.

Roy has eight living sisters and two brothers. He now operates the dairy farm purchased from his father.

Roy attended Midway Elementary, Wasatch High School and three years at Brigham Young University. He is an Army veteran of World War II and served an LDS Mission to the Northern States. The mission was divided to form the Great Lakes Mission and he spent the last few months of his mission helping to establish the new mission.

Roy is an Eagle Scout and his six sons have also received Eagle Scout awards. All six sons have or are now serving in the mission field. Roy was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the National Parks Council in 1967 for his outstanding contributions to Scouting. He now serves on an advisory board for the Council.

After serving for fifteen years as a scoutmaster, he served as the Wasatch Stake Mission President, High Councilman, Councilor in the Bishopric with Bishop Grant Remund, and as Bishop of the Midway First Ward for 6½ years.

He married Phyllis Buck of Park City, in the Salt Lake Temple in September, 1952. They are the parents of nine children: six sons and three daughters and now have seven grandchildren.

He and his wife have been active members of the Midway Boosters for many years. He has served on the Board of Directors on several occasions. Roy was President of the Midway Boosters in 1981 and 1982 and also served as Swiss Days Chairman for three years. He is now serving on the Board and is on the Swiss Days Committee.

Roy spearheaded the construction and fund raising for the Picnic Pavilion on the Town Square, which was dedicated on July 5, 1983.

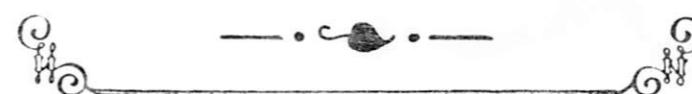
He is Chairman of the Committee recently formed to raise necessary funds for the lights, rubber track and landscaping to finish facilities at the Wasatch High School Football field.

He has served on the District Board of Zions Bank for five years, is presently serving on the Wasatch County Hospital Board for the second time and is beginning the second term as a member of the Utah Dairy Commission. He is also a Farm Bureau County Director and a member of the County Soil Conservation Committee.

For many years he has, on his own, taken on the responsibility of plowing and fertilizing gardens for individuals in this community. He is known as a person who is ready to serve or assist anyone who needs a hand.

It is a common sight to see someone pull up to his shop on the farm, and proceed to repair his auto, farm machinery or anything in need of repair. If unable to do so themselves, Roy stops what he is doing and assists in completing the job.

His recent illness has not dampened this spirit. He is truly an example of one who serves his fellowmen.



Criteria For Midway's Honored Citizen

Each year a Citizen Selection Committee is given the responsibility of choosing an individual from the community, whose life represents an ideal of dedication. Dedication not only to family or church or community, but dedication to making life in Midway better for all who live here or who may come for an occasional visit.

We express our appreciation to this year's committee, chaired by Mr. Ray Gertsch, and applaud their choice for Midway's Honored Citizen 1983.